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In re Application of :
Kenneth C. CRETA, et al :
Application No. 10/828,872 : **DECISION ON PETITION**
Filed: April 20, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. 42P18867 :

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 13, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed, July 16, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 17, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1540; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Diane Goodwyn at (571) 272-6735.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2181 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received February 13, 2008.

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